



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Preparation for Worship

We pray to you, O God: be our helper and protector. Save the afflicted, have mercy on the lowly, raise up the fallen, help the needy, humble the proud, return the lost, feed the hungry, release the captive, heal the sick, revive the weak, and comfort those in fear. All this we ask for the sake of the world you love, and in the name of the one you sent to save us: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Clement of Rome, 1st century

Gathering and Preparing for **God's Word**

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prelude *This Is My Father's World* arr. Monsell

* Call to Worship Psalm 86:5, 12

Leader: You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

People: abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Leader: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart.

People: And I will glorify your name forever.

All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA

* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
you are our Creator and the Author of our days.**

Yet we pretend that we can live without you.

We prize self-sufficiency.

We prioritize success and security over sacrifice.

We shut out the stranger, we neglect our neighbor,

and we prefer nostalgia

to the new life you offer in Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, Holy One.

Give us the courage to love you in all seasons of our lives,

whether we are filled with gratitude or grief,

with hope or with helplessness.

Mold us into your faithful disciples,

showing your love no matter the cost,

following your Son no matter where he leads.

We ask it all in his holy name. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri, Hymn 581 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism *James Randall Mason, IV*
Congregational Response *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN



Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson, *Matthew 10:34-39* p. 791

Second Scripture Lesson, *Jeremiah 20:7-12* p. 630

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "When It's Hard to Love God"

Responding to **God's Word**

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory *Who Is the One We Love the Most* Schalk

* Doxology Hymn 606 OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God,
all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 792 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" BALM IN GILEAD

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response "Lead Me, Guide Me" LEAD ME GUIDE ME

**Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

* Postlude *Tocatta in Seven* Rutter

**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Terri Price, *liturgist*

Tiffany Williams, *sponsor*

Bob Dellert, *scripture reader*

Summer Choir

Jason Farmer, *head usher*

Ragan Kirven, Jennifer McDavid, Amanda Warren,

Tim Reed, Whit Walker, *greeters*

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Prelude is the latest piano arrangement by Todd Monsell of hymns requested by WPC members and friends. *This Is My Father's World* was requested by and is dedicated to Hannah Dias.

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through 4K. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment for children. The Nursery is located on the mezzanine level. The entrance is at Westminster Drive, at the columbarium or near the Westminster Weekday School offices. The Family Lounge, located down the stairs from the front office and straight down the hallway on the right, is available for any child caregiver and includes worship livestream, comfortable seating, and a changing table.

WORSHIP BAGS

Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return the zipper bag and its contents each Sunday.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We will not have Children's Church from June 7-July 26. We will begin having Children's Church again on Sunday, August 2.

CHORAL AND VOCAL TEXTS

Choral and vocal texts for worship services may be found via the Harbinger Hub QR code.

Join Us in Welcoming

BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into our fellowship *James Randall Mason, IV*, son of Jamie & Mary Anne Mason.

We Remember in Prayer

Jacob Fountain and his family on the death of Jacob's father, Joe McGee, on Thursday, June 11, 2026.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, June 13, *Anna Wallace Clark* and *Jack Guyer* were united in marriage at Westminster.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Summer is an opportunity for vacations, the beach, and time with family and friends. But even when we are away, the church remains active with our children and youth ministries going strong, the weekday school running throughout the summer, and numerous outside groups using our facilities. In addition, our mission partners depend on us all year long. If possible, we ask you to keep your giving up to date. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to God's work at Westminster.

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

We are pleased to introduce Cole Wyatt as Westminster's new Director of Facilities. In this role, Cole will lead the church's facilities team and provide strategic and operational leadership for the care, maintenance, safety, and readiness of our building and grounds. As you are in the church throughout the week, please stop by and welcome Cole!

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR IT'S ELEMENTARY!

WPC's weekly after-school faith formation program, It's Elementary, begins in September. Each Wednesday afternoon from 2:15-4:30p, children in grades 1st-5th will grow in their faith, deepen their Bible knowledge, experience worship, and participate in witness and service learning. Volunteers are at the heart of It's Elementary! No teaching required - just helping hands, listening ears, and a joy for children. We are in need of volunteers who are able to donate their time each week or every other week to this special program. Sign up to volunteer in the Harbinger Hub.

Rescheduled
HERITAGE LECTURE
Dr. Yolanda Pierce
Sunday, August 9
Education Lecture at 9a
Preaching Hour 10a

THE SESSION

The Class of 2027

<i>Ben Dillard</i>	<i>Creighton Likes</i>
<i>Will Edwards</i>	<i>Carrie Marguet</i>
<i>Mary Mac Fairey</i>	<i>Trey Morrow</i>
<i>Kathryn Freedman</i>	<i>Judy O'Neal</i>
<i>Mary Gentry</i>	<i>Mandy Pruitt</i>
<i>Claire Gilliland</i>	<i>Sam White, Jr</i>
<i>George Howell</i>	

The Class of 2028

<i>Bill Ballinger</i>	<i>Mike Peters</i>
<i>Denise Broderick</i>	<i>Tim Reed</i>
<i>Coleman Dixon</i>	<i>Stephen Ridgeway</i>
<i>Mason Donlan</i>	<i>Tony Threatt</i>
<i>Pam Evans</i>	<i>Amanda Warren</i>
<i>Blake Hoffman</i>	<i>Tiffany Williams</i>
<i>Nancy Johnson</i>	

The Class of 2029

<i>Christopher Carsten</i>	<i>Jennifer McDavid</i>
<i>Brooke Culclasure</i>	<i>Josh Riley</i>
<i>Trey DuBose</i>	<i>Jennifer Shurley</i>
<i>Jason Farmer</i>	<i>Clay Smoak</i>
<i>Nancy Giguere</i>	<i>Whit Walker</i>
<i>Ragan Kirven</i>	<i>Josie Williams</i>

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We acknowledge that faithful giving may be offered to Westminster Presbyterian Church in a variety of ways. If you give electronically or by other means, please feel free to place an Acknowledgement of Giving card—found in the Ritual of Friendship—in the offering plate as a sign of your worship and offering to God.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

You may have noticed the Little Free Pantry on our campus near the entrance to the gym parking lot. Since the fall, WPCYG families have been stocking it each Thursday. This summer, we would like to open that opportunity to the whole congregation of WPC. Anyone is welcome to add items to the pantry at any time. Needed items include shelf stable items such as pasta, canned fruit, canned vegetables, beans, canned tuna or chicken, cereal, protein bars, etc. This LFP has been very utilized by our community since being installed and we want to continue the momentum.

HARBINGER HUB:

ALL THE LINKS FROM TODAY'S HARBINGER IN ONE PLACE.

Scan the QR code to explore and engage with this week's bulletin. You'll find links to events, registrations, ministries, and opportunities to grow and connect within Westminster.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 21-28, 2026

Sunday, June 21

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

WPCYG Witness & Service Trip to DC

WPC Pilgrimage to DC

9:00a	Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:40	Weekly Session Meeting
10:00	Worship Service
11:00	Donut Reception

Monday, June 22

10:00	Weekly Staff Meeting
8:00	Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, June 23

12:00p	Al-Anon
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Thursday, June 25

8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous
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Sunday, June 28

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Music Conference at Montreat

9:00a	Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:40	Weekly Session Meeting
10:00	Worship Service
11:00	Donut Reception

Our Vision:
Open minds open hearts.

Our Pillars:
Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy

Our Goals:
Connect
Serve
Grow

the
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From the Pews, Liz Howell

Jeremiah 20:7-12 shows us a very real and honest side of the prophet Jeremiah. He was frustrated, hurt, and tired of being mocked for speaking God's truth. Every time he obeyed God and shared his message, people laughed at him, criticized him, and even wanted to harm him. Jeremiah reached a point where he wanted to quit speaking altogether.

But even in his discouragement, Jeremiah discovered something powerful — God's word burned inside him like a fire. No matter how hard he tried to stay silent, he couldn't ignore the calling God had placed on his life.

This passage is relatable because many of us know what it feels like to be misunderstood, discouraged, or weary from doing the right thing. Sometimes standing for our faith, speaking the truth, or simply doing what you know is right can feel lonely. We may wonder if it's worth it when others criticize us or when life becomes difficult.

Yet Jeremiah reminds us that God never leaves us in those moments. In verse 11, he declares, "But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior." Even after all his frustration and fear, Jeremiah remembered who stood beside him.

There will be seasons when we feel tired, overlooked, or ready to give up. But God is still faithful. He sees every struggle, hears every prayer, and strengthens those who continue to trust him. Like Jeremiah, we can be honest with God about our feelings while still holding onto faith and trusting that he will carry us through every trial.